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INFORMATION ON DISPOSITION OF FUNDS FOR ABORTED  
IRAQ ARMS DEAL

REF: A) DUBAI 2217, B) ABU DHABI 2600,  
C) STATE 131670, D) STATE 122946

¶1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR MARCELLE M. WAHBA  
FOR REASONS 1.5 (B,D).

¶2. (S) The Ambassador told MFA Minstate Hamdan bin Zayid June 10 that the authorities in Dubai had confirmed that the 43.5 million USD in illicit Iraqi missile money had been released by the Dubai court several months previously and returned to the majority Emirati owned Wasl and Babel company. We now needed the assistance of the UAEG to examine the financial records of Wasl and Babel to determine whether these funds were still in the UAE banking system. If so, the monies should be frozen since they represent illicit assets of the previous Iraqi regime. If the funds have been transferred elsewhere, we would appreciate access to account records and other information which might assist us in identifying the destination of the 43.5 million usd, and possibly other illicit transactions by the former Iraqi regime.

¶3. (S/NF) Shaykh Hamdan indicated that he fully understood the importance of following up on this matter and said he would request the information from the Central Bank and pass it to us through liaison to ORCA.

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